

Appl. No. 10/708,242  
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Reply to Office action of January 31, 2006

### REMARKS

The examiner has indicated that the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits from the following species of the claimed invention:

- 5           I: Claims 1-108, drawn to "a computer system comprising a host entity for issuing I/O requests; a redundant external storage virtualization controller" along with other various limitations, classified in class 710, subclass 240.
- II: Claims 109-126 and 129-139, drawn to a "method for performing storage virtualization in a computer system having a first and a second external storage
- 10           virtualization controller configured into a redundant SVC pair", classified in class 711, subclass 112.
- III: Claims 127 and 128, drawn to a "computer-readable storage medium having a computer program code stored therein that is capable of performing the steps of a method", classified in class 711, subclass 112.

15   Response:

The applicant hereby elects the following species:

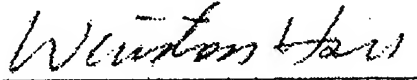
- I: **Claims 1-108, drawn to "a computer system comprising a host entity for issuing I/O requests; a redundant external storage virtualization controller" along with other various limitations, classified in class 710, subclass 240.**
- 20           for prosecution on the merits in response to the above election requirement. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-108.

Accordingly claims 109-139 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof; however, the applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) based on these claims.

25           No new matter is introduced in this Office action. Consideration of claims 1-108 readable on the elected species is requested.

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